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The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your URGENT intervention regarding the following situation in **East Timor.**

Brief description of the situation:

The International Secretariat has just been informed by the The East Timor Human Rights Centre (ETHRC), a member of the OMCT network, of the killing of two East Timorese men, Mr. **Manuel Marques Soares** (21 years old) and Mr. **Olandino Marcelino da Costa** (35 years old), by Indonesian security forces.

According to the information received, on June 27th, 1998, Mr. **Manuel Marques Soares** was shot dead as he sat in front of his house in the village of Aitais, Manatuto, by members of the Indonesian military. It is believed that they opened fire into a nearby crowd in order to quell a clash between pro-integration and pro-independence protesters. It has been confirmed that two others were injured in the incident: Mr. **Antonio oares**, 15, and Mr. **Luis Joaquim**, 52, both of whom sustained gunshot wounds. The two men were taken to Toko Baru hospital in Dili, the capital of East Timor and are believed to be in a serious condition in intensive care. Antonio Soares is reportedly still in a coma.

According to the information received, on June 29th, 1998, Mr. **Olandino Marcelino da Costa** was shot and killed by Indonesian security forces in Baucau, during a visit to the town by the European Union delegation. Pro-independence protesters had gathered outside the cathedral in Dili to welcome the European visitors. According to one witness, the crowd cheered when they saw two vans carrying the European delegation but when a car appeared carrying several security officers armed with automatic weapons, the crowd began to kick the car. It is believed that security officers inside the car fired shots into the crowd of people surrounding the car, killing Mr. **Olandino Marcelino da Costa**. At least five other civilians were injured in the incident.

The International Secretariat remains concerned about the situation in East Timor and the use of excessive force and violence, on the part of Indonesian security forces and urges the authorities to ensure the necessary measures to guarantee the respect of all fundamental rights and liberties.

Actions requested:
Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i. ensure a thorough and impartial investigation into the killings of Mr. **Manuel Marques Soares** and Mr. **Olandino Marcelino da Costa**, identify the persons responsible, bring them to trial and apply the penal, civil and administrative sanctions as provided by law;

ii. provide adequate reparation including compensation for the family of Mr. **Manuel Marques Soares** and Mr. **Olandino Marcelino da Costa**;

iii. in general, ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international standards.

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